NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1888.

PRICE ONE CENT.

SOME STEAM UP

Eastern Engineers Are Moving the Burlington Trains.

Powderly's Letter Causes a Rewersal of Labor Sentiment.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 29. - The new engineers from the East are manning C., B. and Q. locomotives this morning and nearly full passenger service is in operation.

Fast mail left on time, but had only two post-office coaches.

Powderly's letter has caused a revulsion of sentiment among the local Knights, and committees of Brotherhood men are circulating papers with marked copies to show to Eastern Knights to endeavor to induce them to

The railroad officials refuse to talk about the letter, except to say that they don't care what Powderly does; they can get plenty of

Arthur seemed pleased as he read it, bu declined to discuss it until he had conferred with others of his party.

CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—Several C., B. and Q. engines met with mishaps this morning at the Canal street depot. The cylinder heads were blown out in some unaccountable manper. The company blame the strikers, and the latter retaliate by stating that they are peaceful.

The prospect of a settlement is as far distant as ever. Despatches from points on the main lines and branches of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road are all of the same

They show that the movement of freight trains has ceased. No attempts in that direction are being made by the company. Passenger trains are being run on many of

the lines, but with great irregularity. On some lines men cannot be found to man the engines, and even passenger traffic has been

The Brotherhood engineers remain firm, and the men at the throttle yesterday were, as a rule, shop hands, master mechanics, yardmen and others of little or no experience. As a result the running of trains was attended with great difficulty.

Notices have been posted at all leading points notifying the strikers that unless they apply for work by noon to-day they may consider themselves discharged from the com-

pany's employ. An almost perfect absence of violent meth-

ods on the part of the strikers is reported. In McCook, Neb., however, a non-union engineer and his fireman were seriously assaulted. The company, fearing further violence, called upon the Governor for troops

to preserve order. In Kansas City a militia company has been ordered to hold itself in readiness, but there has been no disturbance there.

A large body of Pinkerton's men have been sent to various points in Nebraska, and in some cities extra policemen have been sworn in. This, however, is for the prevention of disorder, and not in consequence of it.

Details are given of a serious accident at Fulton Junction, Ill., caused by an incompe

tent man at the throttle.

At all points the strikers manifest firmness and hopefulness and are confident their demands will be acceded to.

There has been some talk of other roads being involved in the strike, but nothing has

Over one hundred engineers are reported to be on their way from the East to take the

places of strikers, but it is not known here whether they are Knights of Labor or not. The Evenno World correspondent made his usual visit to Chief Arthur this morning. He had just demolished a square meal and

was in good spirits.

Mr. Arthur was asked: "Is there any likelihood of a speedy settlement of your difficulties with the Burlington road, Mr. "I can't tell you," he answered. "It all rests with Mr. Stone and Mr. Perkins."

"Have you seen any of those gentlemen to-day?"
"No, sir."

"Have you met any other railroad offi-'I have been introduced to several gentle-

men, but I cannot tell you the purport of their visit."

their visit."

"What are the prospects of other roads becoming involved in this strike?"

"They will not become involved at all if they preserve a strict neutrality. By that I mean that they shall in no way attempt to assist the Burlington road, either in its freight or passenger business. I have already received assurances that they would not interfere.

"As long as they preserve the strict neutrality which they have promised there is no danger whatever that this strike will spread to other systems. That is all I have to say."

Twenty-five well-dressed, gentlemanly-appearing men, accompanied by several Pinkerton detectives, walked into the rotunda of the Briggs House this morning shortly after

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1 o'clock.

A heavy-set individual acted as leader and informed the clerk that a party of twenty-five wanted accommodations for the night. This was the first contingent of the late Reading strikers, the successors of the present C., B. and Q. striking engineers.

Their arrival marks an important epoch in what provises to be a great context both in

what promises to be a great contest between rival labor organizations.

With a few exceptions, the new-comers re-tired immediately after their arrival. The others spent an hour in writing letters.

proached. He did not desire to be interviewed and had no hositation in saying so.

A cross-examination developed the following story: "We are the advance guard," said he, "of a small army of engineers, who will fill the places of the Burlington strikers.

"We were not selected by any agents of the C., B. and Q., but are some of the men who were made the victims of the Reading strike. I am not empowered to speak for the others, but I intend to go to work to-morrow morning."

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'Vhat is the general feeling of the Knights of Labor throughout the East in relation to this strike?"

'They desire the defeat of the Brotherhood. I am not here as a Knight of Labor, but as a first-class mechanic out of work. A Brotherhood man is now running my machine, and if I pass examination to-morrow I expect to return the compliment. In doing so I shall not consider my-self a 'scab,' but shall hold that I am fulfilling my duty to myself and to my family. The Brotherhood started this fight and must stand the responsibility."

'Are there more engineers from the Reading road who feel as you do?"

'You bet your life there are. The Reading engineers went on a strike in company with 40,000 miners, who were the only supports of thousands of families.

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ports of thousands of families.

"When the result was trembling in the balance the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers came forward and filled our places. They claim that it was done as individuals." Perhaps it was. We are here as individuals."

"You have not heard that the Knights of Labor have declared war against the strikers, have you?"

have you?"
"I feel sorry for the striking engineers of the C., B. and Q. as a fellow-craftsman, but I have no use for their organization."
Speculative circles are panicky. Everything having a commercial value is being affected.

That staid old concern, the Union Stock That staid old concern, the Union Stock-Yards Company has undergone a change. Several blocks of its stock are on the market. Nathaniel Thayer, the Boston magnate and President of the concern, is in telegraphic communication with General Manager John B. Sherman. Both are uneasy.

The loss to the company is enormous. The Burlington division of the stock yards is deserted, and the 500 men there employed are doing nothing but drawing their salaries.

Along the line of the road are dozens of trains loaded with stock,

Grand Chief Wilkinson, of the Brakemen's Union, and Grand Chief Monaghan, of the Switchmen's Brotherhood, called upon Chief Arthur.

Arthur.

They were closeted with him upward of an hour. It was decided by both to issue instructions It was decided by both to issue instructions to their orders requesting the men to attend strictly to their legitimate duties. In other words, a peremptory command was given that if any of the Burlington officials called upon either the brakemen, switchmen or conductors to act as pilots, fiiremen or engineers the grand officers would not tolerate that under penalty of expulsion from the order.

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Chief of Police Hubbard has just received a message from Manager Stone. Its contents have not been given out. However, the Chief has ordered all the reserves on duty.

It is now said that the Pennsylvania engineers are growing restless and are on the verge of joining with the Burlington men.

The situation is becoming critical.

Galerburg, Ill., Feo. 29.—The Burlington depot and yard are now under police surveillance. The depot is kept locked, and no one save passengers and those having business with the company is admitted.

Thirteen passenger trains arrived here and fourteen departed, out of the scheduled thirty-two arriving and thirty-two departing. These included trains from Quincy, Burlington, Peoria and Chicago and trains to those points.

Eight of the outgoing engines had compe-

Fight of the outgoing engines had competent engineers.

The railroad officials are highly pleased over the result of the day's work. The situation is deemed so encouraging that a proclamation is posted in conspicuous places, saying that all strikers who do not report for duty by noon may consider themselves discharged and call on the master mechanic for their pay.

The officers report that several of the old man have now declared their intention of

returning.

A copy of the proclamation was read at the

A copy of the proclamation was read at the largely attended mass-meeting of the strikers. The leaders say that it is intimidation—the same game that made the engineers weaken in 1877—that it will have no effect, and that not a man of them will yield.

KANSAS CITY. Feb. 29.—At noon to-day every striking engineer and fireman was discharged from the Burlington system. Three trains guarded by police have left the city to-day, and none have arrived.

The situation remains unchanged. A meeting will be held this afternoon by the engineers to consider a general strike.

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Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 29.—Two hundred Knights of Labor engineers went through here this morning to take the places of strikers on the C., B. and Q. They say they will break up the strike unless Arthur calls the Brotherhood men off the Reading and New York elevated locomotives.

BOUND FOR THE C., B. AND Q.

Engineers of High and Low Degree Still Railying to the Aid of the Burlington.

The agents of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, who are recruiting to fill the places of the striking locomotive engineers, claimed this morning that they had fowarded 200 competent men from New York

fowarded 200 competent men from New York thus far.

Mr. Hamilton was busy receiving applications at 61 Broadway to-day, showing that the supply has not yet been exhausted.

A great number of the applicants are evidently not engineers, and never will be, but they think they see a chance to get a job, or, at least, a free trip to the Wost at the expense of the C. B. and Q.

This class is in the majority, but there are besides them many experienced men among those who have been engaged.

The Mayor's Idea Brought Forward.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]
ALBANY, Feb. 29.—Senator Cautor presented today in the upper house the long-anticipated bill prepared at the suggestion of Mayor Hewitt, and under the direction of the Board of Aldermen, per-nitting the city of New York to build railroats and lease them to the New York Central or any other ompany. Mr. McKenna submitted the same measure in the

Assembly.

A memorial from the Board of Aldermen was read begging that the passage of the bill be hastened as speedily as possible. New Edition of Barnum's Book.

P. T. Barnum has just issued a new edition of his ok, the "Life of P. T. Barnum, Written by Him self, including his Golden Rules for Money-Making." The text, which is brought up to 1888, is embellished by several new full-page lilustrations. The price of the book has been reduced from \$1.50

Passed Over Gov. Green's Vete. TRENTON, Feb. 26.—The House of Assembly has passed the High License Local Option bill over the Governor's veto after a debate of three hours.

tten of March.

SQUIRE'S LETTER IN COURT.

MR. DOS PASSOS ALLOWS MR. COCKRAN TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT.

The Presecution Ferstalling the Defense's Argument that the Letter Had Been Destroyed - Flynn's Ownership of Squire Described-Mr. Dos Passes's First Criminal Case-the Court-Room Crowded.

Violets that had bloomed long before the pring adorned the left cost lappels of Lawers Howe and Hummel when they appeared n the Oyer and Terminer Court this morn ing to proceed with their part of the Rollin M. Squire and Maurice B. Flynn conspiracy trial.

The gentlemen both came early. So did their clients. Mr. Howe pressed his hand gently on Mr. Squire's brow, and was appar ently satisfied that the temperature was all that it should be.

Then he and the others settled themselves in their seats, and presently Judge Lawrence appeared behind the bench. Ex-Judge Dittenhoefer and Congressman Bourke Cockran, of the counsel for the defense, were present. Ex-Judge Noah Davis also appeared, which was more than he did yesterday. District. Attorney Fellows entered the room a few moments after the crier had sung his usual recitative.

moments after the effer has staged at 10.41, and immediately afterwards Mr. Cockran assured the Court that he was ready to proceed. Assistant District-Attorney Dos Passos opened the entertainment by assuring the jurymen of his confidence in their ability to understand the case and decide it justly and impartially.

impartially.

The safeguards for the public and for the accused which are supposed to rest in and about the great American jury system formed the subject for the assistant district-attorney's continued peroration.

As Mr. Dos Passos filled in his periods spectators gradually filled in the court-room seats, and when the attorney finally begun to talk of the indictment he had a large audience.

dience.

He took up the sixteenth count of the indictment against Squire and Flynn, the same count which Judge Lawrence so strongly passed upoh last Friday.

This count charges conspiracy to obstruct or prevent the administration of the law through the office of Commissioner of Public Works.

Works.

Several of the jurymen were detected listening while this count of the indictment was
being read, and all of them listened to
the reading of Squire's celebrated letter to
Flynn of Dec. 26, 1884, in which Squire
promised, if confirmed in the office of Commissioner of Public Works, to hold the place
and its patronage only subject to Flynn's approval.

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The prosecution had got to prove first, the conspiracy, the attorney said. Then it had to go another step and prove that in furtherance of the conspiracy the defendants committed some overtact.

Then it must still go another step and show that the agreement was entered into with some corrupt motive. That was the marrow of the case.

Under the letter of Dec. 25 and its promises Mr. Dos Passos described the absolute control which Figure had over Squire. "He owned him from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot," said the prosecutor. "It was true that Squire held the office, but Flynn held the officer."

ield the officer."

Mr. Dos Passos promised the jury that the proceeding would prove the transactions in the alleged conspiracy, including Squire's risit to Mayor Edson.

visit to Mavor Edson.

Mr. Dos Passos apologized for the length of his address. "This is my first effort in a criminal case." said he. "I hope it won't be a bad one; I don't want it to be, and I want to get all the facts down."

Mr. Dos Passos said that a portion of the defense would be based on an allegation that that celebrated letter of Dec. 26 had been desteaved and its agreements carealled but that celebrated letter of Dec. 26 had been destaoyed and its agreements cancelled; but he affirmed that the letter still existed and the prosecution held it as it was written. He drew the letter from his pocket, showed it to the jury and allowed Mr. Cockran to take it, as he said, "with pleasure."

Mr. Dos Passos finished his address at 12.30 p. M. Col. Fellows said that ex-Mayor Edson would be the first witness called.

THE DAY IN WALL STREET.

Reading's Coal Circular Has a Decided Rf fect on the Market.

The Reading's coal circular for March, reducin prices 10 to 25 cents per top, made a material dif ference to those who bought stocks restarday on on the belief that Congress would take action shortly on some of the financial bills now be-fore it. The decline in prices ranged from ½ to 1½ per cent., Reading leading with sales down to 64%.

106 st. The decline in prices ranged from a to 15 per cent., Reading leading with sales down to 645.

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New York Markets.

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WHEAT.—The report that the stocks of wheat in Liverpool had decreased 900,000 bu, during the month was offset this morning by a reported increase of 1,600,000 bu, in the amount of wheat on passage, which was put at 2,250,000 bu, by the Chicago statistician, to make up for the dediciency of last week. May contracts were quoted at 90% a 11% c., and speculation was very duit.

Corrow.—Futures opened quiet and steady this morning at about the range of last night's closing prices. Quotations at the opening were: March, 10.46; April, 10.55; May, 10.61; June, 10.67; July, 10.09; Aug., 10.71; Sept., 10.18. Cables were without important features.

COFFER.—The market showed little change today, the opening prices being; March, 10.75; April, 10.65; May, 10.55; June, 10.85; July, 10c.; Aug., 9.85; Sept., 2.70.

PETROLEUM—Oll opened at 97%, and during the morning advanced to 93% on an active market. Subsequently it was quoted 45%.

London and Liverpool Ciothing Company, SS ASY SS HOWARY, will continue the sale of their remaining stock winter ciothing.

REV. DR. WARD RUN OVER.

Severe Accident to the Editor of "The Independent.

The Rev. Dr. William H. Ward, of New ark, the editor of the Independent, met with a serious accident this morning. He was on his way to his office, at 251 Broadway, and had landed at the Barclay street ferry, when he was knocked down by a heavy truck on the bridge and run over.

The hind wheels of the vehicle passed directly over his body, and when picked up he was unconscious. An ambulance was summoned and he was taken to Chambers Street Hospital, where he was soon restored to

consciousness.

It was found that three ribs had been broken—one on the left side and two on the

broken—one on the left side and two on the right.

It is thought that he can be removed this afternoon to his home in Newark.

The Rev. Dr. Ward, who is more than sixty years of age, has been connected with the editorial staff of the Independent for more than twenty-one years, and for ten years has been editor in chief.

The driver of the truck was arrested by policemen of the Steamboat Squad. He was Peter Ruty, of 89 Clinton street.

PLAMES IN SOUTH WILLIAM STREET.

brugs, Whiskey and a Building Damaged by an Unexplained Fire.

Nellie Stack was arranging soap labels in the office of Liebman & Butler, importers of drugs, at 22 South William street, this morning, when she found that the floor near the

ing, when she found that the floor near the stove was on fire. She rushed out of the room crying "Fire!" Sergt. Halpin, of the the Old Slip police, turned in an alarm.

Chris Flynn, the porter, rushed into the office, and in trying to smother the flames with his coat, his hair, mustache and eyebrows vere singed. Then he gave up the job and left the building.

He had no sooner reached the street than a loud noise was heard. Upon investigation it was found that a barrel of bay rum had exploded.

ploded.
The building was badly damaged. The loss is estimated at \$30,000, chiefly on the stock of Liebman & Butler and of Phelan & Duval, wholesale dealers in whiskey, on the first

THE INTERSTATE INVESTIGATION.

gent Deane and Commissioner Pierson er the Witness Stand.

The investigation into the workings of the Castle Garden railway pool was continued by the Inter-State Commerce Committee to-day. Charles F. Doane, agent of the pool at Castle Garden, resumed his testimony. He said that the immigrant service of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad had been greatly improved during the past year. Pool Commissioner Samuel F. Pierson gave testimony concerning the formation of the pool for the protection of the immigrant against sharpers and irresponsible persons.

From the City Almshouse. The scenes in the Oity Almshouse give the cui

many strange stories. Warden Marshall Vought has taken one of them and told his experience with " A Millionaire Pauper." THE EVEN. ING WORLD to-morrow will contain the first part,

THE ALLEGED MYSTERY WOUND UP. Morris Had No Money, and, Tired of De-

ception, Killed Himself. It is about settled now that Robert Morris, who died in Brooklyn of Paris green poisoning, was a suicide. He had deceived his wife, pretended to have money, used all of hers and was wretched and embarrassed. Charles Dauborn, of 463 West Twenty-third street, who, Morris said, controlled the leg-acy that Morris claimed to have been left. called on Supt. Campbell to-day. never saw Morris. Dauborn is a Spiritualist.

Must Pay Even if He Won't Take It. J. Pollock, a Broadway carriage dealer, sued James Simon, a merchant, of 657 Lexington avenue. in the Third District Court, to recover \$75 for a light wagon. Mr. Simon pleaded his own case. He tes-tified that the wagon did not have an extra seat and an extra step which he had ordered, and was delivered five days after the proceed, and was delivered use days after the pecified time, and that in the mean time he had bought another wagon. The wagon has been all this time in the Long Island RR, storage-souse, the plaintiff refusing to take it back, and the defendant declining to receive it. Decision was given in favor of Mr. Policek.

The Bill Has a Unique Feature.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)
ALBANY, Fet. 29. —Senator Stadler in the Senate nd Mr. Reitz in the Bouse to-day introduced the Brewers' High-License bill. It limits saloons to Brewers' High-License bill. It limits saloons to one in 390 population, ranges licenses for liquor from \$100 to \$500, for beer and wine from \$30 to \$100, for groceries \$30 to \$500 and for apothecaries \$100, with special licenses for places that may need to be open at all times. It fines \$5 all persons found in salcons inside of the prescribed legal nours. This is its unique feature.

Grammar School No. 10's New Flag. Chairman of the Board of School Trustees of the Fitteenth Ward, was presented this morning to Grammar School No. 10 by Miss Alice Pine and Mr. Emerson Poote, trustees of the ward. Addresses were made by Miss Pine, Mr. Foote and Mr. Jour T. Maguire, the Principal. "The American Plag!" was recited in concert by the twenty-five pupils of the third class. Mrs. C. A. Morgan, teacher, and "The Star-Spangled Banner was sung with fine effect.

Miss Brackett to Address Workingwomen. The fitteenth meeting of the Workingwomen's Society will be held to-morrow evening, March 1, at Cooper Union. The principal address will be made by Miss Anna C. Brackett, the well-known teacher and writer on educational matters. Miss Brackett was for several years President of the Normal College for teachers at St. Loms. A dis-cussion in the interests of labor will follow the adiress. All women interested in the question of women's industial condition are requested to at-

No Fishing for Hofmann's Property. Judge Barrett to-day dismissed the order for the xamination of Louis Sternberger, the banker, as to what money or property he had belonging to the father of Josef Hofmann. Mr. Sternberger had given a certificate that he held no such property, and the order was dismissed on application of his counsel. D. Soils Hitterband, on the ground that it was in the nature of a ticket for a fithing excur-

The Egyptian Monhrch's Missing Stores whilam smirt, snip's storekeeper of the steam-ship Egyptian Moharch, and Michael Driscoli, a fireman, were remanded at the Jefferson Market Court this morning on a charge of stealing ship's stores. Third Engineer Hansen had overticard a conversation between Smith and Driscoli sbout disposing of the stolen property, and this led to teelr arrest. William Smith, ship's storekeeper of the steam-

Fell With a Stick of Timber A Swede, known to his fellow-workmen as Andy, di from the elevated railway atructure near the corner of Sands and Fulton streets, Brooklyn, at so o'clock this morning. A heavy pine stick sell with him. It is feared that he is mortally hurt.

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OVER 20,000 NAMES

Senators and "The Evening World's" Half-Holiday Petition.

They See Now that the People Are Against a Repeal.

On Exhibition in the Senate Chamber, and Monopolist Walker Gives It a Passing Glance as It Is Spread Over Senate Reilly's Desk-Other Senators Examine It Closely and Find that It Is " A Genuine Petition "-Formally Presented.

ALBANY, Feb. 29.—The three-mile long pe tition of THE EVENING WORLD against the repeal of the Saturday Half-Holiday law was carried into the Senate Chamber this morning and placed on the desk of Senator Edvard F. Reilly.

The huge roll attracted the attention of the enators, and many of them examined it. Senator Pierce, of Brooklyn, unrolled about a vard of the petition and remarked : It looks like a genuine petition and I must

say that it is the largest petition I ever saw." Several rural Senators who are in favor of the repeal wanted to know if the petition had been rolled on a hose carriage. They were astonished when informed that there were 20,000 genuine signatures of workingmen and business men on the petition.

Senator Murphy explained to many of his colleagues that over 7,000 people had taken the trouble to sign the blank form of protest published in THE EVENING WORLD, place it n an envelope and pay two cents postage in ending it to THE EVENING WORLD.

"When people do that," said Senator Murphy to Senator Robertson, "they are sincere and earnest in their protest against repeal of the Saturday Half-Holiday law. This is one of the largest and most represen-

This is one of the largest and most representative petitions I have ever seen."

The other 13,000 signatures come from labor and trade organizations.

Senator Robertson glanced at the roll, which occupied all the space on Senator Reilly's desk, and walked back to his seat.

"he Senators who gave only side glances at The Senators who gave only side glances at this petition were Walker, who introduced the repeal bill, Vedder and Erwin. They are always found on the side of corporations, and they never listen to the appeals of honest

The petition was formally presented to the Senate at 12.45 o'clock this afternoon. Senator Reilly said: 'I have the honor to present a petition' against the repeal of the Saturday Half-Holiday law. It contains the names of 20,000 persons collected within five days by The Evening World, of

within five days by The Evenino World, of New York.

"In it are included the protests of all the New York labor and trades unions, representing clerks, salesmen and wage-workers of every conceivable character. Had there been more time, and had it been deemed necessary, hundreds instead of tens of thousands of signatures could have been obtained, but the people who desire that the law shall stand—the toiling masses, who beg that they may not be robbed of a benefit so essential to their health, comfort and happiness, trust that this monster petition may indicate to you their wishes.

"They regard it as sufficient, and hope

"They regard it as sufficient, and hope that the Senate and Assembly will not disappoint that hope." point that hope."

Senator Reilly's speech was attentively listened to, especially by a delegation of work-

tened to, especially by a delegation of workingmen employed in the Capitol who were in the gallery.

When the Senator had finished his speech he handed an immense roll of paper to a page, who with much difficulty carried it to the Clerk's desk.

The petition was presented in good time, as the legislators who want the bill repealed are conspiring to rush the measure through.

The Senate Repeal bill is now in order of third reading and is likely to be called up any third reading and is likely to be called up any

day. Senator Walker, however, will not move it until he has enough members present to pass it. He is very confident that the Repeal bill will go through the Senate. The Assembly Repeal bills will come up

for debate next Tuesday.

There are strong hopes of the bill being defeated in the House. The workingmen have more friends in the Assembly than in the Senate. A dozen or more Republican members represent labor constituencies.

THE SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY LAW.

The Evening World" Appeal Receiving Many Signatures Among Working People.

THE EVENING WORLD appeal to the members of the Legislature urging that the Saturday Half-Holiday law be left as it is, at least until it has had a fair trial, has been given a wide circulationsamong the working people of this city and the vicinity, and is receiving many signatures. Copies of the petition containing spaces for signatures may be obtained at the office of THE EVENING WORLD.

Saturday Half Holiday. To the Editor of The Evening World : I must praise the efforts of THE EVENING

WORLD for what it is doing to better the condition of the toiling masses. I for one will place my name on the roll of honor as a protest against the repeal of the Half-Holiday law, though it does not affect me at present. Let The World blaze forth for justice; let that be its law of action without faltering, and it will ultimately be finding itself gradu-ally battling for human rights and of supreme importance to the human race—that which is eading men to think about the economic dis leading men to think about the economic dis-tribution of things that labor has created. This problem will and must be settled in the near future. Liberty is what the people de-mand—liberty to employ their heads and hands; liberty to be men; liberty in that broad sense where they can use their powers to its fullest development, and wherever we can make all people free to this extent there will be no poverty, no despair, no suicides no poor houses, no criminals; that is, the tendency will be to lessen these. So strike hard and sharp for justice. SYLVESTER BUTLER,

240 East One Hundred and Twenty-first

" A Millionaire Pauper," by Warden Marshall Vought, of the City Almshouse, will interest our readers. The first part will appear in THE EVEN-ING WORLD to-morrote

London and Liverpoor Clothing Co will be able to continue the sale of restock on Saturday next, March S.



THE MODERN GIANT-SLAVER. hampioning the People's Cause Against the Corporation Oppressors.

BAYMEN WAGE WAR IN EARNEST. Pweive of Them Put on Masks and Destroy the Shinnecock Canal Works.

SOUTHAMPTON, L. I., Feb. 29.-The bay. men of this town, who are bitterly opposed to the opening of a new canal to connect Shinnecock Bay with the ocean, have finally waged war in earnest to defeat the project. Duaing the winter work has progressed slowly on the new canal. A watchman has been stationed at night to prevent the bay-men from in any way tampering with the work.

work.

Last night the watchman was surprised by a pand of masked men all armed with shot guns swooping down upon him. They ordered him to leave and threatened him with ordered him to leave and threatened him with violence if he did not obey their commands. The watchman, becoming frightened, deserted his post, and the masked men then proceeded to carry out their designs. They worked with shovels and picks all night and succeeded in making an opening and letting the water run out of the bay, thus spoiling all the work performed towards constructing the new canal.

The masked men disappeared before daylight. Their identity is at present unknown. They committed an offence which is punishable by heavy fines and imprisonment. The

able by heavy fines and imprisonment. The contractor who has charge of the work of constructing the canal says he will employ detectives to discover the men who took part in the work of destruction. There were about twalve masked men in the party.

GOULD AND SAGE NOT INDICTED.

the Grand Jury's Reasons for Dismissing the Larceny Charges. The February Grand Jury were dismissed by Judge Cowing, with the thanks of the

Among the papers handed up when they came into court was a statement adopted unanimously of their reasons for not indicting Jay Gould and Russell Sage on the Kansas Pacific charges of larceny. In it they

That they have given the case several days careful consideration and have thereby examined all the competent witnesses offered. That they have had the benefit of the assistance and advice of the District-Attorney and the raing of Your Honor the Court, and that under such advice and they do not feel warranted in findingan

A Millionaire Pauper. Warden Marshall Vought, of the City Almshouse, has met many curious people in his career. His story of "A Millionaire Pauper," which begins in THE EVENING WORLD to-mor row, tells of one of his experiences.

He Will Wrestle "The Strangler." Among the passengers who arrived yesterday on the steamship Egypt, was John Wannop, the Engcountry to wreatle with Lewis, "the Strangler," of Chicago, for \$1,000 a side. Wannop has been the champion mixed-style wrestler of England for the past three years. A number of friends met him at the wharf. After a few days he will start

Wants to Nominate a President. The United Labor party of the Twenty-second District last evening debated Peter IC Gatens' resolution declaring that it would be unwise at this time to enter national politics. Prof. De Leon, of Columbia College, and Mr. Field, of Tiffany & Co.'s, advocated a Presidential nomination. A resolution was adopted favoring a Presidential nomination, with the understanding that the candidate be run in every State and not in only Democratic States.

Eight Negroes Murdered in Texas. HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 29.—At Spanish Camp, a mall village some fifty miles west of this city, a negro cabin was set on fire on Sunday morning,

and the inmates shot as they ran from the building. Five were killed and two were burned to death. Another negro was banged. The tragedy was the outcome of a lawsuit. Distinguished Visiting Masons St. John's Lodge, No. 5, A. F. and A. M., of Norwalk, Conn., will visit Sagamore Lode, No. 371. at Masonic Temple, Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street, this evening and work the third degree. United States Treasurer James W. Hyatt, Gov. P. C. Lounseury and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut will accompany the visiting lodge.

Mayor Hewitt has vetoed the Board of Alder men's resolution approving the legislative bill to nerease the pay of police sergeants. He says that the Legislature has no busices; to dictate to the

Wait' , to Be Extradited. Robert Luda agton, forty-eight years old, of Foronto, Canada, is at Police Headquarters await-

ing extradition on a charge of forging a memoran-Isaac Barnett, aged nineteen, of 195 Allen street, and employed by H. Goodwin, hat manufacturer at 163 Greene street, fell through the elevator shart from the sixth floor to the cellar this morning. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. It is ex-pected that he will die.

Brooklyn News at a Glance. Eliza Heckman, an aged woman, fell down a flight of steps at her home, 447 Marion street, Brooklyn, last evening and broke her neck. The body of a female child, two or three days old, was found its a vacant lot at the occure of Humey street and Nontrand avenue yesterday. It believed that the child was strangled by its

STANDARD'S

PRICE ONE CENT.

Peculiar Business Methods of the Big Oil Trust.

No Trace of the Hundreds of Concerns It Has Absorbed.

ien. Pryor Makes Some Very Interesting Discoveries-The Most Important Reports were in the Shape of Loose Memoranda Which were Destroyed When Approvedslight Records of Great Transactions Since 1882-Pumping Secretary Arch.

After ascertaining that there was nothing in the minute book of the Board of Trustees which they cared to conceal, the officers of the Standard Oil Trust offered it for the inspection of a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on General Laws, consisting of

Chairman Arnold and Senator Linson. The sub-committee inspected the book last vening. With reference to the result, Senstor Linson told The Evening World reporter that the book was evidently intended to be The sub-committee had been able to get

from it a full list of the companies controlled by the trust, and learned that there was a committee of the board, with vague powers, whose reports were never spread on the

minutes.

As to the question of a report, Senator Ives said that the members of the committee appear to be of the same mind with reference to the character of the report to be made.

Senators Arnold, Coggeshall and Linson made similar statements.

John D. Archbold. Secretary of the Standard Oil Trust was recalled. He testified as to freight discriminations in favor of the Standard Oil Company as shown by the Hepburn report. He also produced a copy of the Trust's by-laws and the properties controlled by it.

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These properties appear to be only the oorporations, and as these corporations have swallowed up the properties of hundreds of other corporations, partnerships and individuals, the committee was unable to secure a list of all the properties involved.

Gen. Pryor proceeded to worm a bit of information from the witness.

He showed that the minute-book submitted to the sub-committee by the trust yesterday was but a mere skeleton, and that the information which was desired is contained in another book, in which is set forth at length the reports of committees whose powers are so vaguely referred to in

shose powers are so vaguely referred to in the minute book.

This book contains the reports of the Executive Committee, and, since the abandon-donment of that body, the reports of a "proxy committee" consisting of H. M. Flagler, Chas. Fratt and John D. Archbold.

Gen. Pryor-Will you produce that book? A. I Mr. Choate objected to the production of the book, but at the suggestion of Chairman Arnold agreed that a sub-committee might examine it.

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By the by-laws the Executive Committee
was required to keep minutes of its praceedings. In the minutes of the Board of
Trustees there appears the entry at each meeting of the approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee.

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Mr. Archbold testified that those minutes had been kept in the form of memorands, which had been destroyed.

To make this statement appear ridiculous Senator Linson discovered, through his examination of the witness, that the proceedings of this great trust since 1882 is all contained in seventy pages of written matter mostly consisting of by-laws, headings and names of trustees present at meetings.

In answer to a question of Senator Arnold, Mr. Archibald said: "I have sat in the councils of the Standard Oil Company for thirteen years, and I have never in that time heard anything said regarding the trespassing upon the rights of any of its competitors."

Col. Bliss thought this a case of "I'm no such person; besides, I have no competitors."
The Table and Stair Oil-Cloth Association's trust monopoly was again taken up, with Horace W. Fowler, commissioner of the trust, on the stand.

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A circular issued by this association, which has already been made public, was offered in evidence and Col. Bliss proceeded to examine the winess as to particulars.

To this Senator Langbein objected and insinuated that Col. Bliss's line of examination was favorable to the association.

Col. Bliss submitted that his examination was against the interests of the trust.

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Senator Langbein—On that point we differ.
Col. Biles—I am happy that we do.
Senator Languein—I regret it, as you are the committee's counsel. ommittee's counsel.

This little storm over the Colonel went on with his examination, and showed that the association administers extra-judicial oaths to its se's smen not to sell goods below association prices, and fixed heavy penattice on both tembers and salesmen for violation of oath and agreements.

The association also fixes the prices at which the production of other than members of the organization may be sold.

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Two Favorites of the Old Fire Laddles Dr. W. H. Webber, an old-time volunteer fire-Dr. W. H. Webber, an old-time volunteer fire-man and member-of all the Volunteer Firemen's associations of this city, has presented to the As-sociation of Veteran Firemen of Herlem a magnifi-centifie-size oil psinting of Jenny Lind and a steel engraving of ex-Cinef Engineer R rry Howard, of the oil Volunteer Fire Department, in full una-form. The portraits may be seen at the headquar-ters, 192 East One Hundred and Twenty-first street, any evening after I o'd ock.

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